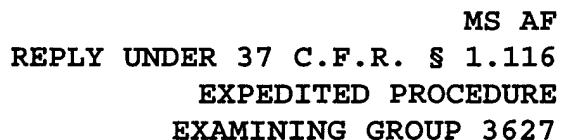


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IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

LARGE ENTITY TRANSMITTAL FORM
FOR REPLY AFTER FINAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

February 22, 2005

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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<input type="checkbox"/> FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM						\$360	\$0.00
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Applicant: Masakatsu SHIMIZU et al. Conf.: 2385
Appl. No.: 09/891,367 Group:3627
Filed: June 27, 2001 Examiner: RUDY, A.J.
For: METHOD OF AND APPARATUS FOR ESTIMATING
PRODUCT COST

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 22, 2004 (Paper No. 20041117), the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application:

This Paper includes Claim Set As Amended and Remarks.